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1. SUMMARY. ECON/COM MIN MET WITH CABOUAT (DIRECTOR FOR ENERGY IN ECONOMIC DIRECTORATE, MFA) AND PELLETIER (MEMBER OF FOREIGN MINISTER'S CABINET) AND GAVE THEM TEXT OF SECRETARY'S SPEECH AND OBTAINED THEIR PRELIMINARY PERSONAL REACTIONS. END SUMMARY.

2. GOF OFFICIALS HAVE NOT HAD TIME TO STUDY TEXT OF SPEECH BUT THEIR FIRST REACTION WAS TO QUESTION HOW FAR ONE WISHES TO GO TOWARD CONVENING A NEW PREPCON UNTIL THERE IS SOME ASSURANCE IT WOULD NOT BREAK DOWN ON SAME ISSUE WHICH LED TO FAILURE OF PREVIOUS PREPCON.

CABOUAT SAID GOF WOULD LIKE TO KNOW HOW FAR WE ARE PREPARED TO GO IN MEETING CONCERNS OF THE OPEC/LDC

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GROUP. IF THERE IS TO BE ANOTHER IMPASSE, THEY SEE NO

POINT IN TRYING TO SET UP A MEETING. PELLETIER ADDED THAT GOF WOULD NOT WANT TO SEE NEW PREPCON BILLED AS RETREAT OR DEFEAT OF CONSUMER COUNTRIES. HOWEVER, HE BELIEVED WAY COULD BE FOUND OF MEETING OPEC/LDC CONCERNS WITHOUT CREATING SUCH AN IMPRESSION. SECOND, HE SAID GOF WANTS TO AVOID QUARRELS AMONG CONSUMERS AT PREPCON.

3. THINKING OF QUAI LEANS TOWARD AGREEMENT ON A BARE BONES AGENDA FOLLOWED BY ESTABLISHMENT OF SEPARATE WORKING GROUPS ON EACH ITEM (I.E. ENERGY, OTHER RAW MATERIALS, AND DEVELOPMENT). THESE GROUPS COULD MEET SIMULTANEOUSLY OR SUCCESSIVELY SHORTLY AFTER PREPCON. THEY BELIEVE ACCORD WOULD BE FACILITATED BY HAVING NEXT PREPCON MEET AT MINISTERIAL LEVEL, SINCE THEY ATTRIBUTE FAILURE OF PREPCON IN PART TO LIMITATIONS ON ABILITY OF SENIOR OFFICIALS TO TAKE POLITICAL DECISIONS.

4. QUAI OFFICIALS WELCOMED MORE POSITIVE ATTITUDE OF US ON RAW MATERIALS QUESTIONS, BUT THEY BELIEVE THIS IS NOT SUFFICIENT TO OVERCOME BASIC OBSTACLE TO AGREEMENT AT FIRST PREPCON. THEY HAVE NOT YET FORMED JUDGMENT ABOUT TIMING OF NEXT PREPCON, AS THEY PREFER TO FOCUS ON PROBLEM OF ADEQUATE PREPARATION AND CONSUMER CONSENSUS. THEY LOOK FORWARD TO FURTHER EXCHANGES OF VIEWS IN COMING WEEKS.
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